given exemption from age-limit referred to in the Cochin Standing Orders during the year 1106 and the names of those who were refused exemption in 1106 and the reason for doing so in each case?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—A statement containing the names of persons who were given exemption is appended (*Appendix III*). Exemption was granted to most of the officers because they were in service before they attained the age of 25; it was granted to others in the interests of service. It was refused only in the case of Midwife P. Thrassia of the Medical Department. She was refused exemption as she was already aged 51.

Panchayat works undertaken without the knowledge of the Panchayats.

166. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state a list of works undertaken by the Panchayat Department without the knowledge of the Panchayats and the amounts spent for each item;

(b) a list of works in each Panchayat for which money was paid without the works being approved after completion by the Panchayats and the reasons why the bills are not sent to the Panchayats for approval before payment?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No works are undertaken without the knowledge of the Panchayats.

(b) No such list of works is maintained. The Panchayat rules do not lay down that the works should be approved by the Panchayat before they are paid for. On the other hand they have to be check-measured by the Departmental officers. Works which are executed by or under the supervision of the Panchayats are paid for through those bodies and those that are executed through contract agency are paid for by the Department directly to contractors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Registrar of Panchayats received any complaints from any Panchayats that certain works were executed without their knowledge?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I want notice.

Want of allotment under T. A.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders were issued in 1106 that tours need not be undertaken by officers for want of travelling allowance in the budget; if so, the names of those who stopped touring on account of the order and how long did they stop;

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(b) a list of subordinate staff of the Revenue Department whose travelling allowances were reduced from their bills at the end of the year 1106 for want of funds?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Orders were issued to the Superintendent of Registration to postpone his tour for Karkadagam 1106 for want of allotment under T. A. Other Heads of Departments were also circularised to see that they do not exceed their allotments under T. A.

(b) The travelling allowance of no subordinate officer was reduced for want of funds.

Circular—appointment to children of officials.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan has issued any circular to the effect that preference must be given to the children of officials in the matter of appointments in Government service; if so, will a copy of the Proceedings be placed on the table; what are the reasons that induced the Government to issue that circular?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes. A copy of the circular is appended (*Appendix IV*). To encourage loyal and faithful service.

Christian students—Depressed Class allowance.

169. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Christian students at present who are given Depressed Class allowance; the date of admission of these students in the respective schools and the date of conversion of each?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix V*).

Road Board.

170. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the members constituting the Road Board;

(b) how many meetings were held by the Board; and

(c) what all resolutions were passed and what actions were taken on the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A list of the members is appended (*Appendix VI*).

(b) Two. On 27th July 1931 and 31st October 1931.

(c) Copies of the minutes of the meetings are appended (*Appendix VII*).

Minute of the 1st meeting.—Resolutions Nos. 3 and 4 were accepted by the Government. Resolution No. 2 is under con-

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